

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 7 on page 2 with the following paragraph:

FIG. 7 is a pictorial view of an earcup yoke ~~assembly~~assembly showing the feature of the battery door on top protected by the headband yoke with the battery door closed; and

Please replace paragraph 10 on page 2 with the following paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 2, there is shown a pictorial view illustrating the feature of the headband cable ~~2224~~ interconnecting electrical elements in the earcups covered between sections 23A and 23B of a flat spring that furnishes a clamping force to keep the earcups over the ears of a user. The interconnected electrical elements may comprise switch 16 and battery 37 in right earcup 11 (FIG.4) and an electronic circuit board 32 in left earcup 12, ~~and battery 37 in right earcup 11 (FIG.4)~~. The same reference symbols identify corresponding elements throughout the drawing.

Please replace paragraph 1 on page 3 with the following paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 3, there is shown a pictorial view illustrating the feature of loudspeaker driver 31 mounted off-center in the earcup. Printed circuit board 32 is mounted above loudspeaker 31 in left earcup 12 that includes a detachably secured ~~connector~~ plug assembly 33 with appended cord 34 having a miniature stereo plug (not shown) at the other end for engagement with a mating jack that is connected to a source of audio signals, such as the sound channels in an aircraft or a CD player.

Please replace paragraph 2 on page 3 with the following paragraph:

Referring to FIG. 4, there is shown a diagrammatic cross section through an earcup showing the compact earcup profile formed with space for the ear and internal components. Each earcup includes a loudspeaker driver 31 positioned as shown, a microphone 35 positioned

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as shown, an electronics printed circuit board 32 as shown, a plug assembly 33 in left earcup 12 and a battery 37 in right earcup 11 positioned as shown with the ear 36 accommodated and surrounded by a circumaural ear cushion 21, 22.